

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Cody Byrum, a member of the National Guard 200<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company in Pierre, South Dakota, has devoted himself to the service of this state and country, completed Officer Candidate School on July 25, 2008, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant on August 16, 2008; and,

*Whereas*, Second Lieutenant Byrum was awarded the Superintendent Academic Award for attaining the highest academic rating for the year 95.5 percent; and,

*Whereas*, Second Lieutenant Byrum has completed his additional training requirements while still achieving excellent work in the Governor's Office; and,

*Whereas*, Second Lieutenant Byrum, with his newly acquired managerial skills, has volunteered to now be the staff person in the office to personally visit by phone and in person with any constituent who contacts the Governor's Office; and,

*Whereas*, Second Lieutenant Byrum has demonstrated an exceptional dedication to preparedness by developing his own paratrooper training program off the old railroad bridge pilings on the Missouri River; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend this South Dakotan, fellow co-worker and friend, for his dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:


*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 29, 2008, as

## *SECOND LIEUTENANT CODY BYRUM DAY*

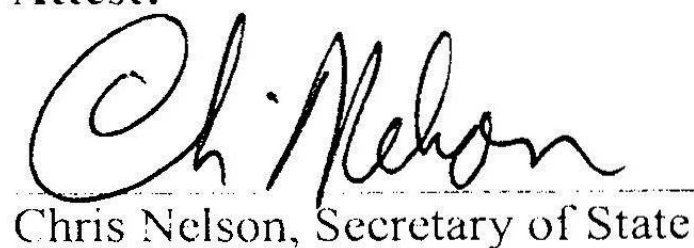
in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State